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Sir:

Responsive to the Final Office Action dated October 31, 2002 (Paper No. 7), please amend the application as follows and consider the following remarks.

IN THE CLAIMS:

Please add the following new claims:

22. (New) The actuator assembly of claim 1, wherein the energy stored by the energy storing member and the force in the first direction are each individually less than a driving force required to drive said output member in the first direction from the rest condition to the actuated condition.

23. (New) The method of claim 21, wherein the energy stored in the storing step and the force in the first direction are each individually less than a driving force required to drive said output member in the first direction from the rest condition to the actuated condition.

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